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Applicants: L.A. Couvillon, Jr. et al. Attorney Docket No. BSEN121512  
Application No.: 10/798,587 Group Art Unit: 3739  
Filed: March 10, 2004 Examiner: P.R. Smith  
Title: ENDOSCOPE WITH FIBER OPTIC TRANSMISSION OF DIGITAL VIDEO

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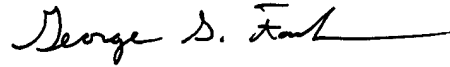
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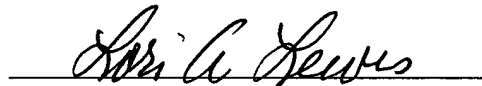


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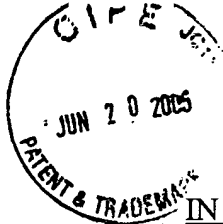
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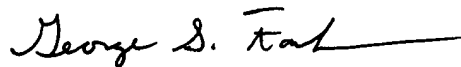
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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